

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 649 without my signature.

While I support strengthening handling and processing standards for fresh fruit and vegetable products, this bill overreaches by instilling the California Tomato Commission or joint powers authority with broad powers such as establishing quality standards, inspections, and surveillance that may be inappropriate for this type of structure. Additionally, this measure empowers the commission to seize and sell property with minimal due process.

For these reasons, I cannot support this bill.

Sincerely

Arnold Schwarzenegger